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Honorable Commissioner of
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Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 2, 2004

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections within the Examiner's Office Action dated February 2, 2004. A request for a two month extension of time accompanies this response. Also included are a revocation and power of attorney, and a Second Supplemental IDS, submitted under 37 CFR § 1.97(c).

You are authorized to charge all fees, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) for the Second Supplemental IDS, to the undersigned's deposit account 14-1131.

Remarks

There are five claims in the instant application, with claim 1 being the only independent claim. The Examiner rejected claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ryan et al., U.S. Patent no. 6,421,675. The Examiner rejected claims 3-5

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